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Labor Day, Fall Hours Announced for Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – The museum in the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center at Pierre will be open Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday from 1-4:30 p.m. CDT.

All other offices of the South Dakota State Historical Society in the Cultural Heritage Center, including the State Archives, will be closed Monday.

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 6, the museum will be closing earlier. The hours will be Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 1-4:30 p.m.

"The Cultural Heritage Center is open all but four days throughout the year," said Jay D. Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, headquartered at the center. "We have expanded hours in the summer to better serve working individuals and visitors to the Pierre community. We will be going back to our regular hours after Labor Day, and we will continue to offer free admission to the museum on the first Sunday of each month."

The award-winning museum features *The South Dakota Experience*, an exhibit telling the stories of the people of our state from before the 1743 arrival of Europeans through the end of the 20th century.

The archives research room will also be open Saturday, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Public hours for the archives are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT, Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month.

For more information, call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.